

Docket No. PI2016-03 Section 701 Report

RE: Post Office Closing/Consolidation Procedures

The Postal Service has been failing to offer the mitigating measures authorized by Congress in the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act § 302 Network Plan. This means more displacement of postal workers and disruption in the workplace than otherwise necessary.

PAEA Section 302(e): *The Postal Service plan shall include-*

*(1) a comprehensive plan under which **reemployment assistance** shall be afforded to employees displaced as a result of automation of any of its functions, the closing and consolidation of any of its facilities, or such other reasons as the Postal Service may determine; and*

*(2) a plan, developed in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management, to offer **early retirement benefits**.*

Congress should make these measures mandatory. Reemployment assistance within other parts of the Postal Service should be offered to the Postal Support Employees that are laid off due to the reasons above. Early retirement benefits should be offered to postal employees impacted by the closing and consolidation of postal facilities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Cheney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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